

NSSRS and the State of the Schools Report

November 3 – 12: The NSSRS is open to submit changes to School Enrollment data for completers and dropouts from 2007-08 as well as approved requests to change other student or assessment data. The window closes on Wednesday, November 12th.

The State of the Schools Report (SOSR) will remain open for district only review until November 14, 2008. We are not updating the SOSR displays or the AYP decisions as data changes are being submitted. The NSSRS Validation's AYP Count Verification data, available through the Portal, is being updated nightly to incorporate any data changes submitted during that day.

November 24 – December 5: The 2007-08 State of the Schools Report will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on November 24th for district only review. Districts will be able to review their AYP decisions based on the previously announced changes to Safe Harbor process. This will be the time for districts to submit an Appeal of the AYP decisions. Appeals of AYP decisions should only address the "decisions" and not the data underlying the decisions. Appeals should be submitted as soon as possible after November 24th but no later than December 5th. Note: The State of the Schools Report is scheduled to open to the public on December 12th but will do so without the AYP decisions if there are still unsettled AYP Appeals.

The November 24 - December 5 window will be the first opportunity for districts to review their NCLB Qualified Teacher data. It will include all of the HOUSSE forms submitted and approved as of November 12, 2008.

NSSRS

NSSRS Validation's "Completer" verification report has been redesigned. The report now displays students in two groups without regard to expected graduation year: Completers With Diploma and Completers Without Diploma.

The NSSRS Documents page <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm> has been updated to include Guidance for Reporting Dropouts and Quick Reference Guides on how to run dropout and completer reports.

The NSSRS Data Manager will be closed from Nov 13-16. It will re-open on Monday Nov 17th for 2008-2009 submissions and business as usual.

The NSSRS Help Desk will have limited access and staff from Nov 13-17 while offices are being relocated. We will continue to respond to voice and email as soon as we can.

NCLB Consolidated Application for 2008-09

The 2008-09 NCLB Application is due November 7th. If a district has not at least **created** an application by November 7th, it will no longer be able to create or apply for the NCLB funds. (As of Wednesday morning, there were still more than a dozen districts that had not created an application.) November 7th is also the due date for districts that have started (created) an application but not yet submitted it.

Applications that have been submitted and were returned for changes must be submitted by November 28th. If it appears that we are tightening up the timelines, we are and for several reasons. The State and districts continue to be reviewed during audits for timeliness of reporting (applications as well as financial reports).

NCLB Financial Reports

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The Final Reports (closeout) of the 2007-08 grant projects were due on September 30. According to the State and Federal Grant Management Guidance and Requirements, all reports must be submitted within 45 days after the end of the grant. This year the 45 days is extended to Nov 17th (15th is a Sat.). Final Reports cannot be submitted after that time.

REAP SRSA Grants for FY 20076

Districts that received REAP **SRSA grants for the 2006-07** school year must have been spent or obligated all of the funds from that grant by September 30, 2008 and must draw down all of their funds by December 30, 2008. A recent list compiled by the REAP Office in the U. S. Department of Education of remaining FY 2006 funds that must be drawn down can be found at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>. It shows that Nebraska districts have \$340,516 of FY2006 funds that still have not been claimed. If you have questions, please contact Robert Hitchcock (Robert.Hitchcock@ed.gov or 202-260-1472) or Eric Schulz (Eric.Schulz@ed.gov or 202-5-260-7349).